DETAILED ACTION

Claims 2, 3, 19, 20, 36, 37 and 40-67 are pending in the present application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 19, 2009 is
in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information
disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner, note attached copy of form
PTO-1449.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes
and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided
by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be
submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview
with Pauline Farmer-Koppenol registration no. 58,004 on February 1, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the search query is an explicit query.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the search query is an implicit query.

4-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the search query is an explicit query.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the search query is an implicit query.

21-35. (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for processing media files using a computer, comprising:

monitoring at least one application for the occurrences of events wherein at least one event is associated with a media file;

capturing the at least one event upon the occurrence of the event by queuing event data associated with the event at a position in a queue;

indexing and storing at least some of the events and the media file associated with the event at a time after the occurrence of the event, wherein the time is based on performance data indicating a readiness to process the event and a position in the queue;

receiving a search query;

locating at least one relevant media file from the indexed and stored events relevant to the search query; and

outputting a result set comprising the at least one relevant media file.

37. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium containing computer executable program code, comprising:

program code for monitoring at least one application for the occurrences of events wherein at least one event is associated with a media file;

program code for capturing the at least one event upon the occurrence of the event by queuing event data associated with the event at a position in a queue;

program code for indexing and storing at least some of the events and the media file associated with the event at a time after the occurrence of the event, wherein the

time is based on performance data indicating a readiness to process the event and a

position in the queue;

     program code for receiving a search query;

     program code for locating at least one relevant media file from the indexed and

stored events relevant to the search query; and

     program code for outputting a result set comprising the at least one relevant

media file.

38.-39. (Cancelled)

40.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event

comprises monitoring an application to determine event data associated with the event

and compiling the event from at least some of the event data.

41.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event

associated with the media file comprises determining event data external to the media

file.

42.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the event data external

to the media file is determined based at least in part on one or more of a local

database, a global database, a web page, and a network search engine.

43.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the media file comprises an audio file.

44.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the media file comprises a video file.

45.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the media file comprises an image file.

46.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the media file comprises a combination of audio and video.

47.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the media file comprises a scripted presentation of audio and video.

48.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises determining text that identifies the media file and including the text as event data associated with the event.

49.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein indexing the event associated with the media file comprises associating the event with at least one associated event.

50.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the associated event comprises a different version of the event.

51.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on one or more of network activity, system activity, and media application activity.

52.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on a display area associated with an application and identifying at least some of event data by analyzing the display area.

53.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on calls to input or output devices and identifying at least some of the event data by analyzing the calls.

54.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises monitoring an application to determine event data associated with the event and compiling the event from at least some of the event data.

55.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises determining event data external to the media file.

56.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 55, wherein the event data external to the media file is determined based at least in part on one or more of a local database, a local database, a web page, and a network search engine.

57.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein the media file comprises an audio file.

58.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein the media file comprises a video file.

59.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein the media file comprises an image file.

60.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein the media file comprises a combination of audio and video.

61.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein the media file comprises a combination of audio and video.

62.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises program code for determining text that identifies the media file and including the text as event data associated with the event.

63.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein indexing the event associated with the media file comprises program code for associating the event with at least one associated event.

64.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 63, wherein the associated event comprises a different version of the event.

65.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on one or more of network activity, system activity, and media application activity.

66.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37,

wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on a display area associated with an application and identifying at least some of event data by analyzing the display area.

67.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 37, wherein capturing the event associated with the media file comprises identifying the event based at least in part on calls to input or output devices and identifying at least some of the event data by analyzing the calls.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's remarks filed December 3, 2009 are found persuasive. Regarding independent claim 36, the prior art of record fails to teach the following limitation "capturing the at least one event upon the occurrence of the event by queuing event data associated with the event at a position in a queue; indexing and storing at least some of the events and the media file associated with the event at a time after the occurrence of the event, wherein the time is based on performance data indicating a readiness to process the event and a position in the queue". The limitations of independent claim 37 parallels claim 36, therefore it is also found allowable. Claims 2, 3, 19, 20 and 40-67 are allowed based on dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greta L. Robinson whose telephone number is (571)272-4118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tony Mahmoudi can be reached on (571)272-4078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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